

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

CLAIMS STATUS

Applicants have amended claims 32-35 to address the PTO's rejections. Applicants reserve the right to claim the subject matter canceled due to the amendment in one or more continuing applications. Support for amended claim 32 may be found on page 11, lines 15-18. No new matter has been added.

After the amendment, pending claims include rejected claims 32-33 and 35 and withdrawn claims 1-31, 34 and 36-37.

CLAIMS OBJECTIONS

The PTO objected to claim 32 for dependency on the withdrawn claim. Applicants believe that amended claim 32 obviates the objection.

The PTO objected to claim 33 for a missing comma following "(N-nonyl DGJ)". Applicants believe that amended claim 33 obviates the objection.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claim 32 stands rejected as anticipated by Ezure *et. al.* (WO 92/00277). Applicants believe that revised claim 32 obviates the rejection and, accordingly, request its withdrawal.

Claims 32-33 stand rejected as anticipated by Jacob (WO 99/24401). Applicants believe that revised claims 32-33 obviate the rejection and, accordingly, request its withdrawal.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103

Claim 35 stands rejected as obvious over Jacob (WO 99/24401). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants note that Jacob teaches neither N-(7-oxa-nonyl)-1,5,6-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-galactitol (N-7-oxa-nonyl MeDGJ), nor N-substituted MeDGJ compounds in general. Furthermore, Jacob does not provide any required motivation to modify N-substituted 1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-galactitol compounds into N-substituted 1,5,6-trideoxy-1,5-imino-D-galactitol compounds. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.


CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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